

BOARD OF HEALTH
Bangs Community Center: Room 101
Minutes

February 9, 2016

BOH Members: Marco Boscardin, Nancy Gilbert, John Tobiason

BOH Excused: Diane Amsterdam MD, Julie Marcus

Staff: Julie Federman, Pamela Field-Sadler

Other: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

Meeting opened at 5:09 p.m.

I. Review & Receive

A. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2016 – Tabled

II. Old Business

A. Kern Center and Hitchcock Center for the Environment: Operation and Maintenance Manual revisions

The Board of Health (BOH) reviewed revised Composting Toilet System Operation and Maintenance Manuals created for the Kern Center and the Hitchcock Center for the Environment's building project. Chris Chamberland, Civil Engineer leader for both projects, has prepared separate manuals for the composting toilet systems. The BOH agreed the revisions clarify expected maintenance and procedures for the composting toilets. Ms. Federman will confirm that the composting toilet to be installed at both building sites is the Clivus M-12 Composting Foam Flush model. Mr. Tobiason expressed his intention to review the water supply system information for both projects. Ms. Federman will request a copy of the Department of Environmental Protections New Source Approval notice for the Hitchcock Center for the Environment project.

B. Firearm Safety Discussion

Amherst Police Chief Scott Livingstone in attendance.

Amherst Police Chief Scott Livingstone outlined the steps required when applying for a firearms license in Amherst. This process includes an interview screening and each applicant is fingerprinted and photographed. Chief Livingstone conveyed that overall, Massachusetts gun laws are some of the most stringent nationally and firearm related injuries in Amherst are infrequent. The Amherst Police Department is committed to promoting responsible gun ownership and use, and emphasizes the importance of safe gun storage by providing free gun locks to the community. Chief Livingstone stressed communication between area police departments, including UMass, is prolific and allows for greater awareness of potential situations. Chief Livingstone pointed out the HIPPA Privacy Rule has created barriers between police and mental health professionals deterring the interchange of information. Chief Livingstone endorses contacting State Representatives to ask for action in reforming mental health rules to allow effective partnering between the professions in pertinent situations to aid the prevention of life threatening

injuries. The Chief also supports advocating for a mandatory waiting period between a gun purchase and physical firearm ownership, as well as universal background checks.

III. New Business

A. Food Service Establishment Hearing: College Pizza

Basem Fam, College Pizza owner, in attendance.

Ms. Federman provided a summary of the events leading to the January 28, 2016 issuance of a *Revocation of Permit* by Amherst Health Inspectors for College Pizza located at 150 Fearing Street in effect for one year. Ms. Federman provided the facts which had alerted her to a situation at College Pizza in March 2015 which resulted in banning Mr. Fam's brother as an employee at the restaurant. In late January 2016, Ms. Federman was again alerted to unusual activity at College Pizza which was believed to be closed until late February. An inspection was initiated during which the formerly banned employee was found on the premises misrepresenting himself as a cousin of the business owner managing the restaurant in Mr. Fam's absence. During the meeting, Mr. Fam provided the circumstances for his absence and explained he had asked a certified food manager to open the store while he was detained. Mr. Fam apologized to the Board of Health (BOH) and asked that they consider reinstating his food permit. Although not an easy decision, the BOH agreed Mr. Fam's oversight put the public's health and safety at risk. Ms. Federman explained College Pizza additionally holds a current Tobacco License. Ms. Federman is awaiting guidance from Town Counsel regarding any affect on the tobacco license resulting from a food permit loss. At this time, Mr. Fam may continue to sell tobacco products at his establishment. **Motion:** Mr. Tobiason made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gilbert, to uphold the *Revocation of Permit* dated January 28, 2016 for College Pizza at 150 Fearing Street as written.

Vote: Unanimous

IV. Topics Not Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours Prior to the Meeting

No topics were brought forward for discussion.

V. Director's Report

A. Baystate Wing and Baystate Mary Lane Hospitals

Ms. Federman reported she has received notice that the Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer and the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital in Ware are being consolidated under one license. Baystate Wing Hospital will provide inpatient services and Baystate Mary Lane Hospital will transition to a regional outpatient and emergency facility.

VI. Schedule Next Board of Health Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

The Board of Health (BOH) scheduled the following meeting:

March 15, 2016

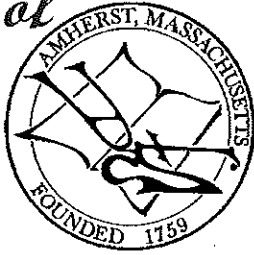
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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting. These documents are available for review at the:

Amherst Health Department, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA 01002

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2016 (draft)
- Kern Center
 1. Correspondence: Christopher Chamberland, The Berkshire Design Group
 2. *Composting Toilet System Operation & Maintenance Manual for Hampshire College R.W. Kern Center* revised through January 26, 2016
- Hitchcock Center for the Environment
 1. Correspondence: Christopher Chamberland, The Berkshire Design Group
 2. *Composting Toilet System Operation & Maintenance Manual for The Hitchcock Center for the Environment* revised through January 26, 2016
- Food Service Establishment Hearing: College Pizza
 1. Correspondence: Revocation of Permit with Notice (dated January 28, 2016)
 2. Email Correspondence – To: Julie Federman, From Ed Smith (dated January 27, 2016)
 3. Email Correspondence – To: Ed Smith, From: Basem Fam (dated January 28, 2016)
 4. Email Correspondence – To: Basem Fam, From: Ed Smith (dated January 28, 2016)
 5. Correspondence from Health Inspector Ed Smith

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Sign In Sheet

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5:00 p.m.

	NAME (Please Print Clearly)	ADDRESS/AFFILIATION/TITLE
1.	Stuart Foster	171 Clark Hill Rd. / Daily Collegiate
2.	Dobbie Wirth	25 Deepwood Dr., Amh.
3.	Scott Kingstre	Police Chief
4.	EDMUND SMITH	HEALTH INSPECTOR
5.	BASGM FAM	150 Fearing St, Amherst
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